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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2726

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO RESIGNS IN PROTEST
AGAINST GOP RELATIONS WITH CHILEAN LEADERS

1. DR. ALFONSO BENAVIDES CORREA, PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR HERE
SINCE SEPTEMBER 1970, ANNOUNCED HIS "IRREVOCABLE RESIGNATION"
JULY 11.

2. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION, AS
PUBLISHED HERE JULY 12, SAYS: "MY IRREVOCABLE RESIGNATION
IS DUE BASICALLY TO MY TOTAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE OFFICIAL
VISIT TO PERU MADE RECENTLY BY AF GEN. GUSTAVO LEIGH, A
MEMBER OF CHILE'S GENOCIDAL GOVT, AND OF THE INVITATION TO
THE ABSURD COMMEMORATION OF THE SESQUICENTENARY OF THE BATTLE
OF AYACUCHO WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO GEN. AUGUSTO PINOCHET
UGARTE."

3. FULL TEXT OF SIX-PARAGRAPH LETTER BEING POUCHED DEPT
AND LIMA.

4. COMMENT: THIS POST HAS REASON TO HOPE THAT RESIGNATION
IS IRREVOCABLE, AS ADVERTISED. OFFICER WHO HAD CONSIDERABLE
CONTACT WITH BENAVIDES IN OPANAL AND ELSEWHERE RECENTLY
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WROTE OF HIM: "EASILY THE MOST OBNOXIOUS MEMBER OF THE

CORPS. HIS IS BOMBASTIC, 'MUY MACHO' IN HIS OWN EYES,
AND ANTI-AMERICAN. HE DELIGHTS IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN
MATTERS NOT OF HIS PROVINCE -- MOST PARTICULARLY THE PANAMA
CANAL ISSUE." JOVA

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